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SUBJECT: GUINEA BISSAU: SOVIET PRESENCE AND AMERICAN ABSENCE

REF: CONAKRY 1524 (NOTAL); USUN 6026 (NOTAL)

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR RAMZY, ACCREDITED TO BISSAU AS WELL AS CONAKRY, REQUESTED MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 20. HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM EXTENDED VISIT IN BISSAU. HE BEQFEVES THAT EARLY UNIFICATION OF GUINEA BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE IS NOT LIKELY IN PART BECAUSE PAIGC APPRECIATES LEVERAGE OF TWO UN VOTES.

2. RAMZY SAID SOVIET PRESENCE HAD INCREASED SUBSTANTIALY SINCE HIS LAST VISIT IN AUGUST. SOVIETS WERE OVERFLOWING THEIR SIX-STORY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTING A NEW COMPOUND. ASIDE FROM FISHING DEVELOPMENT AND MILITARY SUPPORT, HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES. RAMZY ALSO NOTED AN ENLARGED EAST GERMAN PRESENCE AND CUBAN MILITARY AND MEDICAL TEAMS.

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CHINESE WERE UNOBTRUSIVELY PROVIDING AGRICULTURAL

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, HE ADDED.

3. RAMZY EXCUSED HIMSELF FOR INTERFERING IN US AFFAIRS, THEN ASKED QUOTE WHY IS THE UNITED STATES SLEEPING WHILE SOVIETS CONSOLIDATE A STRONG POSITION IN GUINEA BISSAU? UNQUOTE. RAMZY URGED US TO OPEN MISSION, OR AT LEAST ACCREDIT AMBASSADOR FROM LDZCAR OR CONAKRY, AND TO HELP RELIEVE SEVERE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. HE CHARACTERIZED GUINEA BISSAU POPULATION AS PEOPLE INTRINSICALLY BOURGEOIS RATHER THAN SOCIALIST.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, POSSIBLY CONCERTED WITH RAMZY'S APPROACH, SAUDI PERMANENT CHARGE AL HEGELA J WARNED AMBASSADOR THAT GUINEA BISSAU LIKE GUINEA ITSELF FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, WAS RAPIDLY BECOMING A QUASI-SATELLITE OF USSR SINCE US AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS WERE NOT PROVIDING AID.

5. COMMENT: DIFFICULT TO SEE HOS US WARNINGS (USUN 6026) TO GUINEA BISSAU OR CAPE VERDE REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE EXPECTED TO REVERSE PAIGC POSTURE IN UN WHEN SOVBLOC IS PROVIDING CONCRETE AND GROWING SUPPORT AND US HAS NOT EVEN MANAGED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.  
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